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CHRISTMAS VACATION WELCOMED AT COLUMBIA

"NUMBER SEVENTEEN" PRESENTED TONIGHT

Two Academy Students in Cast

Tonight the annual pre-Christmas play will be presented in the auditorium. This year, in contrast to former years, one play of three acts will be staged. "Number Seventeen," is an English play by Jefferson Farjeon. It is similar to Chesterton's "Magic," which was presented here two years ago. Not only is the presentation and the English atmosphere similar, but some of the actors gained experience at that time.

The action of the play takes place before a deserted house, "Number Seventeen," during a characteristic London fog (Higgins and Mulcahy have been preserving the fog for the scenes, since September). The plot revolves around a diamond necklace, and is chuck full of mystery and thrills. The play has been presented by some of the best casts in the leading theaters of America and Europe; when the curtain rises tonight, it will have lost none of its magnetism.

This year the Academy has two representatives in the cast. Roman Shares, who needs no introduction, plays the part of Lloyd Ackroyd, the son of Mr. Ackroyd. Joe Meinert will make his debut as Nora, the fair niece of Mr. Brant. Louie Fautsch and Jim Fitzpatrick take the leading roles as Fordyce and Ken, respectively. No play would seem complete without Fautsch, as he has been in dramatics since he was in the Academy. Zak and Donohoe, who have both experienced the glare of the footlights in earlier productions, will tonight take the parts of Mr. Brant and Henry. John Farnan has been on the stage many times, both as an actor and speaker. He will appear to-night as Eddie Scott. The Schumacher "ditto" boys are making their initial appearances before Columbians as Ackroyd and Smith.

With such a cast and such a play, everyone should spend the last hours of the nineteen twenty-seven school year with a tang of pleasure—and regret.

This performance is for the students and faculty only.

The entire cast:

Gilbert Fordyce	Louis Fautsch
Eddie Scott	John Farnan
Mr. Brant	Carl Zak
Mr. Ackroyd	Leo Schumacker
Smith	Carl Schumacker
Lloyd Ackroyd	Roman Shares
Ken	James Fitzpatrick
Henry	James Donohue
Nora	Joseph Meinert

Frank Flynn, Secretary and Treasurer of last year's class, is with his brother in the T. L. Flynn Coal Co.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
TO
THE STUDENTS
OF COLUMBIA ACADEMY
AND
THEIR FRIENDS
FROM THE FACULTY

ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

SECOND SIX WEEKS

Fourth Academics

1. Kiefer, Nicholas	93.2
2. Ernsdorff, Louis	92.6
3. Jaeger, Alvin	92.2
4. Doyle, George	91.2
Linehan, Edmund	91.2
6. Lorenz, Alfred	90.6

9.9% of class

Third Academics

1. Evans, John	95
2. Willging, Herbert	92.8
3. Cullen, Arnold	92.2
4. Kerper, Angelo	91.4

6.4% of class

Second Academics

1. Swartzell, Robert	93
2. Kleiner, Joseph	92
3. Palen, Edward	91.4
4. Saunders, Gordon	90.6
5. Flynn, John	90-

5.5% of class

First Academics

1. Gerhards, Edward	95
2. Becker, Geo. H.	94.4
3. Gloeckner, George	93
4. Lyons, John	92.4
5. Kress, Wilfred	91
Neilson, John	91
Schwinn, Philip	91
8. Weber, William	90
9. Vogel, Ralph	90-

9.2% of class

RUSSIAN CHORUS HERE ON JAN. 18

The Russian Cossack Chorus which comes to Columbia College Auditorium Jan. 18, 1928, will prove the depth characteristic in the Russian arts.

Sergei Sokoloff, the famous Russian director, conducts his chorus and plays upon their voices as if they were musical instruments producing skillful effects.

The chorus has traveled in all parts of the world and has packed the music halls wherever it has been.

Six Academy Men Win All-State Honors

KOLFENBACK AND CONFORTI PLACED ON FIRST TEAM

Having finished their eight game schedule undefeated and untied, with a score of 338 points rolled up to their opponents' 28, six of the victorious Gubs were mentioned for All-State prep honors in the list supplied for the Des Moines Register by Earl Walsh, coach at Des Moines Catholic Academy.

Eddie Kolfenback was chosen as the best quarterback in Iowa prep circles, and Elmer Conforti was classed as a first team guard. Jim McGuinn, the Gubs' leading point getter and one of the "sweetest" halves we have seen in years, and reliable Joe Holbach were placed on the second team at half and end respectively; Jim McParland, who has licked more than his weight in wild cats for the past few years at center, and Gehrig, our star defensive fullback, were given honorable mention.

Of course we are aware that all-star teams are more or less mythical, and this is particularly true when the players have never met even the same teams. But we are glad to see that the reputation of some of the Gubs has gone as far west as Des Moines.

Columbia regrets that the other Iowa prep schools tabulated in the list are not located within playing distance.

AWARDS GIVEN MINOR LEAGUERS

At an Academy assembly held in the Auditorium Thursday morning, the awards for intramural football were distributed by Coach Cretzmeyer. The insignia of their respectime teams were given to more than eighty members of the lightweights, while bronze miniature footballs were awarded to fourteen players on each of the champion Russeller and Teenie Weenie squads.

FARNAN AND RYAN WIN IN ORATORICAL

In the oratorical contest in Elocution, held in the College Auditorium last Thursday evening, two Dubuque boys, Thornton Farnan and Kenneth Ryan, were chosen to enter the Academy Elocution Contest to be held next spring. John Evans, also of Dubuque, was selected as alternate.

The other speakers were Clarence Crowley of Coggan, Iowa; John Fabish of Chicago, and Philip Schwinn of Dubuque. John Nagle Jr., Attorney John Duffy, and Father O'Hagan were the judges.

Football Dinner and Play are Features This Evening.

After three months of expectant waiting and marking off the dates on the study hall calendar, the great day is at hand. To-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock we are to be released from school bells and to have the opportunity of enjoying home life again for a few weeks.

This evening the traditional football dinner will be held in St. Francis Hall; it consists of eating and speaking, and there is plenty of both. Immediately after the food question has been solved, speeches will be in order. The Rev. President and the Principal will give short talks, and then our gridiron warriors, who have made so noble a record for Columbia, will receive their awards.

After this our coach, "By Gubs" Cretzmeyer, will give a short talk explaining how he turned out such a successful team this year; and it is traditional that he tell some of the amusing incidents he noticed during the training period.

To cap the climax and reach the highest point of interest in the evening's program the Reverend Dean will officially close the first half of the school year by admonishing the students before they leave.

At eight o'clock the play, "Nomber Seventeen," will be presented in the College Auditorium by the Columbia Dramatic Club. The production is under the direction of Father O'Hagan, and by all reports it will prove a thrilling evening to those who attend.

Of course we all know that many of the student body will be despondent at the idea of leaving Columbia for even two weeks, but we hope that they can restrain their grief until the banquet and play are over, as it might interfere with their enjoying these events.

But even in this sad notice there is a bright spot. On Jan. 3 the student body and faculty will be permitted to return in order to recuperate from the effects of vacation.

We wish all a very Happy Christmas and the fulfillment of all their hopes in the New Year!

STORY CONTEST ENDS TOMORROW

To-morrow, Friday the 16th, is set as the closing date for the Short Story Contest; with the dawning of Saturday it will be too late to enter a story for the prize.

Quite a number of promising manuscripts have been handed in, and the competition is expected to be keen. But some other entrants are yet to come. If you are among the tardy ones, act now.

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EDITORIAL

"HAEC EST PORTA COELI"

"Walk gently; the Church is a holy place." It is the House of God, the Palace of the King of Kings. When we enter God's house we should make it an obligation, a duty, to spend every minute under the realization that we are standing before God, that we are in His presence. The few minutes that we spend with Him should be passed in prayer and communion, in thanksgiving, sorrow and entreaty. One must not profane this holy place, but must be filled with the spirit of quiet reverence. Too many of us do not seem to realize how great a privilege we have in being able to go before God in this manner. We show our appreciation of that privilege by our actions in the church and chapel.

GOING HOME

For the last six or seven days a suppressed excitement has reigned over the boarders. Faces, otherwise sober and demure, have lost those habitual expressions, and in their place rollicking smiles play hide and seek. Quarrels have been forgotten; friendship holds sway; eyes glisten with pure happiness.

The solution to this state of joyousness is found in these two brief words, "Going Home." There is no greater event for the Academy boarder than Christmas vacation. For a period of almost four months, the students have not seen their parents, brothers and sisters. This is indeed an eternity for some, especially for those who never before have been away from home.

Now the time for departure is slowly nearing. Many have the hours, and even minutes, numbered until they will board the train, homeward bound. Soon they will be speeding on their way, Columbia slowly fading in the distance. Their hearts are beating rapidly—they are going Home.

Joe M. '28.

"SH! SANTA'S COMING"

It's what we used to hear, isn't it? In earlier years, others planned our Christmas for us, our parents and near relatives, and we, keeping good, and mild, and out of the way, waited expectantly for our confidant letter to "Santa" to verge into reality.

But now it is up to us to help, at home, to make up that charitable and Catholic atmosphere which so becomes the Christmas season. We are no longer dependent upon others—we can give as well as receive. We can help and work and find a joy in doing—for everyone will be helping. The beauty of the Christmas tide lies in the tendency towards forgetting one's self for others which it engenders.

But Christmas Day is a Birthday. What is your present for HIM? We musn't forget.

J. M. '28

LOCAL VISTAS

Bob McCarville left for home early this year. He has a bothersome appendix, you know, and is going to have it fixed, you know. Or don't you?

To some it's "only two or three, as the case may be, shopping days till Christmas," but to us it's counted in so many seconds until the last bell rings and the barrier is lifted to allow us to tear forth unrestrained as will youth and youthesses.

Skiing (or skeeing, or what is it?) has become a fast-going sport down the hills behind the school. A beautiful glide, a jump, a swerving stop. For some — !!!?

Paul is wearing mourning on one of his optics—he must have bumped into the flag pole on top of the Federal Building.

"Ladeez nad gentlemen! We have in this cornah Roughhouse Rowan, the boy boxer. In the other cornah is Masher Martin, the mammoth mauler." Oh that initiation!

Who won the war? For particulars on this matter see Joe Palen or Father Kessler.

Some prof. mentioned his doubts about Chick Marshall's ability as a ditch digger; he should see the ditches Chick can dig with just a golf stick!

Up to the time of going to press rumors that Charles McManus had been on time for class had not been verified.

KAMPUS KIDS

We invite you to laugh at us this week with William ("Bill," "Willy," "Billy," etc.) Donovan, in studies—a member of the second year class; in school and St. Francis Hall activities—outclassing and outclassed by all others. Bill is a boy who can get away with anything—if he's hungry enough. Wednesday night (for each Wednesday night is "girl nite" for some and "boy nite" for others) one can find Billy the center of an admiring group. "Oh's" and "Ah's" and "Gee, how's" and giggles rise from the crowd; it grows larger; shouts of applause rend the air; you hurry towards them; but you are too late. Master Willy has finished; he has devoured his eightieth "dog." On consulting the champ a little later we find him very humble and somewhat apologetic. Says he: "I could of eaten more, but that was all she had."

LORAS LIGHTS

Howdy, folks; this is station L-O-R-A-S from on top of the hill broadcasting our biweekly program.

The Freshman passball team, 1927 champions of Loras Hall were presented with silver footballs which will be a rememberance of their winning the championship. The following Frosh were awarded the trophies: Captain Schollian, McNallly, Francis Ryan, Ole Huegelman, John Fagan, Pee Wee Mansen, Larry Fettig, Ward Loftus, Ambrose Morgan, and Brown. Watch for the Sophomore team in 1928.

The Honorable Mister Hargraves, a member of the Freshman class, has been receiving mail from the muscular developed men of the United States. He and his co-partner, Mister James W. Kelly, have decided to take a course from the great muscle builder, Earl Liederman. Watch out from now on, or the Wisconsin fellows will get their two fellow-statesmen to fight all their battles for them.

Mr. Donald Romer, the red-headed salesman of the Urbach Brothers store, and Thomas Slattery, who is also of this company, have proclaimed that the students of Columbia can save a great amount of money if they buy their Christmas presents now while the sale is on. This is not an advertisement, but a bit of advice.

Well, we will sign off. We will be on the air again January 13. Wishing all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Good bye.

COLLEGIANS BUSY PREPARING DEBATES

The students of Loras Hall have been at work preparing for Columbia's entrance into the field of intercollegiate debates. Class debates have been in order for the past few weeks, as try-outs to find the best debaters. So far the teams have been pretty evenly matched. The first College opponent will be Marquette University.

GLIMPSES FROM COMPOSITIONS ON EMINENT MEN

Hamilton—"I respect him becaus of his genius, but I admire him b cause he was unspoiled by it."

Americanization of Edward Bok. "As one reads this autobiograph one is led to believe that money certainly easy to make, for Bo seemed to attain success, or rath money (success doesn't or shouldn mean money) as easily as the lig goes on when one pushes th switch; but just as there is grea power and intricate machinery b hind the switch and the light, there were great capabilities a character behind the money makin and success of Edward Bok."

"St. Francis of Assisi" by Jorge sen.—"This book recommends itsel Start reading it, and if you are an thing of a reader, it will be hard stop reading this book."

—M. Tornai, '29.

FOURTH ACS ATTEND VINCENT DE PAUL MEETIN

Last Sunday a dozen members the Fourth Academic class attend a quarterly meeting of the St. V cent de Paul Society. We met the Cathedral Hall before Mass a attended the seven-thirty Mass a received Communion with the me bers of the society. Later we w over to the Cathedral Hall and ha breakfast with the men. There we about a hundred of the membe there.

After breakfast the meeting ca to order. It was presided over b Mr. Metz, the president. He intr duced the new spiritual directo Father Boeding. Then the membe discussed regular business and method of distributing Christm baskets. The secretary made annual report and we were astoun ed at the amount of good that society accomplishes. They pass out booklets which gave us in co crete figures the work of these me The President then told us of t national meeting which he attend in Los Angeles this fall. He al thanked the students for their int est. Lastly we listened to the sp itual director as he explained t right kind of charity and the at tude toward our modern problem

All in all, it was a novel exp ience to us; and we sincerely tr that a further opportunity will presented for attending a fut meeting of the society.

F. Sherman and E. Tangney.

ALLEN, BARKLEY, AND CARR VICTOR

Wednesday morning at 11:20 first Academics held their first ing and oratorical contest, in College Auditorium. The rea and speakers were drawn by lot the students who took part in contest, James Allen, Richard B ley, and Raymond Carr were se ed as the winners. The others appeared on the stage were Ro Clark, Paul Farrell, Henry Ha Milton Hessling, Frank Kuhl, Merlin Conlin.

FOOTBALL MEN WILL RECEIVE AWARDS TONIGHT

OURTEEN OF THE NINETEEN ARE SENIORS.

This evening our football warriors ill be feted at the annual banquet, nd nineteen good men and true will eceive their Academy awards for rvice during the season. Further usiness on the program will consist f dining—not to speak of making nd listening to speeches. Of course, he occasion is naturally a melanholy one, for it is the eve of vacaon and Christmas tide, but the boys ill try valiently to keep the home res burning.

The following men—fourteen, count m—are to receive major awards:

aul Gehrig, our fighting captain and full back, whose spirit spurred on his teammates. In this, his third year of Academy football, he showed himself a demon on defence, and his all-around playing gained him honorable mention for the All-State Prep team. Congratulations, Paul!

im McGuinn, halfback and high point man of the Gubs, ball carrier de luxe, whose twisting runs caused the downfall of more than one Academy opponent and won him a place on the second All-State eleven.

eorge Barkley, halfback, a hard hitter and a harder tackler, a speed demon with the old noodle, and possessor of a change of pace that brought dizziness to the opponents trying top stop him.

ddie Kolfenbach, quarterback, a great field general and a triple-threat man perhaps more feared than any other high school player in the State. Eddie won a berth on the first All-State team. Ask St. Ambrose, Campion, and Wayland.

oe Holbach, end, a fellow who knew how to tackle and block, and catch forward passes as well. His playing gave him a place on the second All-State squad.

ohn Sims, tackle, who distinguished himself by his aggressiveness in charging and his great defense against plays directed at him. All-State mention.

oe Stemm, guard, a real lineman, one of the best Columbia has seen in years. He was in the game every minute and broke through the best of opposition to nail his man.

im McParland, center, the fightinest man we've seen. His lack of beef caused him little worry, and he was a tower of strength on offense and defense, with a nice pass that reduced the possibility of a fumble. He received honorable mention for the All-State.

Elmer Conforti, guard, a spirited forward who never let down against the enemy and greatly aided his side of the line to repulse attack. "Fighting Elmer" was a position on the first All-State eleven through his work in the last few games.

Jack Higgins, guard, whose stubbornness against opponents marked him as a real player. Unfortunately, his injury kept him out of the last three games, but his early season work was highly commendable.

Bob McCarville, tackle, a light man who, nevertheless, didn't allow his opponents to outfox or outplay him.

Syl Frommelt, tackle, whose earnest fighting play gave him a fine record for his only year of Academy football.

Bob Kenline, end, a sure tackler and a ready forward pass receiver who always made his presence felt by the opposition. One look at his fighting face was enough.

Del Linn, end, whose ability to catch passes and cover punts made him one of the Gubs' most valuable men.

MINOR AWARDS.

Lawrence Baldus, tackle, a sure enough "comer." An injured ankle kept him from making the first string.

Ed. Gerber, halfback, a hard driving man and a vicious tackler, well able to hold up his end with the other Minute Men.

Merlin Hamsmith, halfback, and understudy for Barkley, is light but he hits them hard. We'll hear more of him next year.

Louis Runde, fullback, came into his own in a couple of games and showed himself a real player.

Steve Konkoly, guard, in his first year of football showed the making of a future star in his speed, fight and headiness.

The Cee-Ay, in the name of the Academy, wishes to offer congratulations to every man on the squad for his splendid co-operation during the great season of 1927.

From Wisconsin U. at Madison, Bob Croake writes that he quite frequently sees Tom Powers, who was here some years ago.

DYNAMITE

GEORGE BARKLEY

The fourth member of the Gubs' backfield might truly be named Dynamite, for that's the way he hits 'em. He is light, but fast and strong; is a deadly tackler, and guaranteed to go over, under, around or through any high school line made.

TYPICAL LINESMAN

JOHN SIMS

The play of the red-headed tackle pictured above was typical of the work of the Academy line this year, the line that made possible the Gubs' wonderful record. Alert and aggressive Sims was a power in the line; he and his red-headed partner, Stemm, not only opened the holes, but made the left side of the line invulnerable.

BASKET MEN TAKE SHAPE

Facing one of the most difficult schedules in the annals of Academy basketball, Coach Cretzmeyer's cagers have spent the last two weeks in strenuous practice. As a result of this training they are fast rounding into form and should be in good shape for the Galena tilt on Jan. 11. Following this are games with I. C. and Platteville. The latter quintet has plenty of strength as was shown in their game last Friday when they held the strong Senior High five to a 12-11 score.

The daily scrimmages are bringing out many bright prospects as well as bringing veterans back to form. This last group includes: Capt. McGuinn, ex-Capt. Conforti, Schwartz, Kolfenbach, and Linn. Among the new men, Harnois, Sheehan, Oeth, Kelly, Tornai, Quinlan, and Dick Barkley are showing surprising ability. There are several others too who appear to be good prospects and so as yet it is a toss up as to who will comprise the first team.

STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA HEAR PROF. WYLIE OF IOWA "U."

Professor Charles C. Wylie, of Iowa University, delivered an interesting lecture, which was illustrated with numerous slides, on "The Meteors of Illinois and Iowa," at the Columbia College auditorium Friday evening.

COLUMBIA CAGERS FACE STIFF CARD

COACH ARMSTRONG'S HUHAWKS WILL PLAY 14 GAMES.

Jan. 9 — Wisconsin School of Mines, here.
Jan. 11 — Valparaiso University, here.
Jan. 20—Simpson College, there.
Jan. 21—Des Moines University, there.
Jan. 28 — St. Ambrose College, here.
Feb. 2 — St. Ambrose College, there.
Feb. 3—Parsons College, there.
Feb. 7—Buena Vista College, here.
Feb. 11—Iowa Wesleyan, here.
Feb. 18—Simpson College, here.
Feb. 20—Parsons College, here.
Feb. 21—Loyola University (tentative) there.
Feb. 24—Luther College, here.
March 6—Luther College, there.

The Columbia Duhawk cagers will face one of the stiffest schedules in the history of the college, it was made known this week when the athletic department released the official schedule for 1928, which features eleven Iowa conference games and marks the addition of many new teams on the annual schedule. Besides the Iowa conference games there are the games with the Wisconsin Miners, Valparaiso University, and Loyola University, the latter of which is still tentative, but which will very likely also be carded.

Feature Big Games.

The games with Buena Vista, Simpson, and Iowa Wesleyan will mark the first time that Columbia has met these foes, and the number of Iowa Conference games assures the fans that Columbia will make a real attempt to bring a conference championship to Dubuque. Columbia met the Parsons, St. Ambrose, and Luther teams last year. These are recognized as some of the toughest teams in the conference, and as a result Coach Armstrong's team will be up against real opposition in every game.

One of the features of the schedule as arranged is the number of home games. The Duhawks will have eight home games, six of them conference affairs. This fact should considerably enhance the chances of winning the conference title.

RAH! YEA, TIGERS!

Playing excellent handball, Jim Harnois led his Tigers to victory in the tournament just completed. The competition was keen, but Jim was just "too good" for the other teams. Harnois and I. Oeth, together with J. Lynch or Knopp, will meet Loras Hall in a three-game series immediately after Christmas.

At the end of the tournament, the Tigers had won all four engagements for a perfect score, as had the Robins, inversely speaking (perfect goose eggs). The Ducks, Orioles, and Eagles were all tied at 500 each, with two games apiece.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH CRETZ

They are certainly in order. In the three years passed since some of the present team joined the squad, Cretzmeyer's proteges have lost just three games out of twenty-two, scoring a total of 549 points to their opponents' 111.

In 1925 Savanna High beat the Junior Purple and Gold 2 to 0, on a wet, muddy field. That season the Academy goal was crossed once, for a total of 9 points, while our boys were picking up 89.

The following year, with Kolfenbach and Barkley out on account of injuries we were slaughtered 54 to 0 by Mooseheart, National Prep Champions; and then we lost the Turkey Day battle to Saint Philip High of Chicago, 13 to 7. That season the opponents scored 74 points to the Academy's 122.

1927 was the banner year. Eight straight victories, with none of them even close! Yet they included victories over such teams as Savanna, St. Ambrose, Campion, and Wayland. Of these, Wayland Academy of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, was undoubtedly the "toughest" as a glance at their record indicates. They defeated Pio Nono, Champions of the Wisconsin Catholic Academies, as well as administering a decisive beating to Morgan Park, which just as decisively trounced Shattuck Military, and Shattuck in turn defeated St. Thomas of St. Paul. Draw your own conclusions.

This season ,too, saw a new scoring record set by the Gubs: 338 points to the opponents' 28. Of this total, the regular Minute Man backfield of Gehrig, McGuinn, Barkley, and Kolfenbach made 271. McGuinn was high man with 103; Gehrig totaled 83; Kolfenbach scored 55 (he was an excellent ball carrier, but seldom called himself for a touchdown play); and Barkley, in spite of being out with injuries, counted 30.

This season also saw the greatest output of long runs for touchdowns ever produced by an Academy squad. Perfect interference from both line and backfield accompanied these dashes; every game was featured by them; and Barkley, Kolfenbach, and McGuinn apparently took turns in making them just the same as in carrying the ball.

All in all, it was a great season.

KODAK CONTEST TIME EXTENDED

The time-exposure contest sponsored by the Kodak Club, which was selected to close tomorrow, has been extended. It will come to an end on the second Friday after Christmas vacation, thus giving the students a chance to enter more pictures. All time-exposures taken while at home are eligible; in fact, each one is urged to take as many pictures as possible during vacation.

Quite a number of excellent specimens have already been handed in, and from appearances the contest ought to be a very close one. The prizes awarded will be well worth trying for; also the experience obtained in talking the pictures will be beneficial. And vacation experience might offer a new feature for the Academy Purgold.

A TOBOGGAN RIDE

Accepting a dare to be precipitated down the toboggan slide, and actually accomplishing the desired result, are two different things. You will probably think it easy, but after hearing various tales of what happened last year, your courage grows a trifle less strong.

Nevertheless, having accepted the dare, you cannot back out. So when the sleek-looking instrument is brought forth from its winter quarters and you are invited for the first ride—well, it's ride now or never.

We had no trouble getting on (the trouble was to get off later). We were told to keep our hands and feet well toward the center of the toboggan and then we shoved off. BOY! The excitement began right there and it didn't stop till we felt the toboggan stop. Once you have started there is no stopping till you reach the bottom—right side up or otherwise. About half way down we were outspeeding the "Century." The first half was easiest because you could see where you were going. But after that it was "Hold On" or pick yourself up in bits. It took about one second to make the last half.

If you are lucky and find yourself on the toboggan after it passes the bottom, you may then look for the heart-failing stunt. Get ready for the bump. You go up a slight incline and then literally shoot through the air. But whatever goes up must come down, and down you come hard and fast.

It's no stunt to ride a broncho, but it's some stunt to ride the Academy toboggan. But after the ride is over the comment is "Gimme some more." —John Collins, '29.

HEITKAMP NAMED "IOWA" EXECUTIVE

Professer G. W. Heitkamp of Columbia was elected a member of the executive committee of the Iowa Intercollegiate Conference at the annual Conference meeting held in Des Moines last week.

It was also decided to hold an indoor track meet the last Saturday in March, at either the Iowa or the Drake fieldhouse.

PURGOLD BOOSTERS

Recent additions to the list of Academy Purgold Boosters are P. Schwinn, B. O'Brien, A. Cullen, J. Evans, J. Kearns, R. Kolck, G. Martin, H. Capecius, E. Gerber, R. Kenline, J. Martin, and K. Ryan.

The 1928 Senior Academies, true to form, are leading their underclassmates by quite a margin. Second honors belong to the Freshmen. Get busy, Juniors and Sophomores.

DR. ROOT GIVES INTERESTING LECTURE ON HISTORY

Dr. W. T. Root, head of the Department of History at the University of Iowa, gave a very interesting lecture in the Auditorium, last Wednesday morning, on "American Colonial History—Old Style and New."

In the course of his lecture, Dr. Root emphasized the importance of the colonial period, and contrasted the manner in which the early historians treated that field with the work of later writers.

TWO DUHAWKS MENTIONED FOR STATE HONORS

Two of the 1927 Duhawk football men received honors in the selection of all-stars from Iowa Colleges and Universities.

Captain Schwind was placed on the Honor Roll of the Des Moines Register's selection for an All-Iowa College Team, in competition with men from Iowa, Ames, Drake, Coe, Grinnell, etc. He was again given honorable mention in the selection of an All-Conference Team for the Iowa Conference. Wendell Russell, Columbia's star half back, was placed on the third All-Conference team.

With five Conference games scheduled for 1928, Columbia will stand a better chance for such honors.

SPORT SHORTS

Many of the unlearned Frosh are seeking enlightenment about the free day last Thursday. Well, kiddies, it was on account of Kick Kelzer's birthday. And just to show our consistency, we shall have no school on Bob Rowan's birthday, July 8th, next.

The skating season, we're afraid, is under way; Valentino Lange is already spreading the eagle about his performances at the dear old athletic field.

The Robins upset the marvelous East Cascade (Iowa) team, but Ike Boyd (modest fellow) disclaims all responsibility, albeit he made a free throw.

"Spearmint" Ernsdorff makes honor roll! Stop the presses and call out the reserves! Zounds, Watson, it's a frame-up!

Our learned contemporaries, Mr. Grantland and Mr. Walter Eckersall, have selected Herb Joesting as All-American fullback. Obviously, the poor fellows never watched our Mr. Nash work out on Clark field.

Mr. Paul Newhouse, having paid the jurors a handsome reward, was acquitted in his trial for canine clouting, in English class last week.

HISTORY CLUB NOTES

Last Wednesday night a program on "Early Colonial Times" was given. John Trexler and Urban Fleege delivered two very interesting readings, Paul O'Neill read an essay on "Puritan Spirit," and Louis Runde gave the club members the benefits of his research in "Colonial Amusements."

In the course of the initiation, gloves flew fast and furious. One nearly disfigured our faculty moderator. They say accidents will happen.

We welcome Rowan, Seymour, Vaske, and Costello into our midst; we feel certain that they will cooperate with us in making a better History Club.

Joe Kirk, our secretary, has been ill for the past week, and was unable to attend our last meeting. We are glad that he is able to be among us again.

BALDUS, BUTLER, AND KNOX WINNER

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, the first the Second Academic combina Reading-and-Declamatory Conte was held in the College Auditori The men who won first place their respective branches we Lawrence Baldus, Claude Butler, a Thomas Knox.

The following men must be giv credit for their attempts: Gord Saunders, Milton Manley, Willia Donovan, Vincent McAleece, Art Frick, Bernard Hanson, Richard C tello, Richard Nash, and How Christ.

Several more contests of this ki are to be held after the beginn of the New Year.

WASTEBASKET

Neilson: "I never knew raindro smoked."

C. Flynn: "Why they can't!"

Johnny: "Yeh? Well, a few mi utes ago I saw them in hail."

First Academy guy: "I wish y wouldn't whistle when you a studying."

Second ditto: "I wasn't studyin I was whistling."

If you've read any of these b fore, you needn't read them aga

Ormsby to Tackace: "Let's pl house, huh? You be the door a I'll slam you."

McKenna says he didn't pick h teeth; they were his naturally.

Higgins (working on the ice rin to Father Russell: "Will you p me what I'm worth?"

F. R.: "I'll do better than th John; I'll give you a small salar

Tall Westerner: "Say, Bill, h any exercise this afternoon?"

Second Chap: "Sure, I went o and jumped four claims."

"Hey, Noah! Wanna drink?"

"Noah don't."

She was only a musician's daug ter but she topped the scales.

Looks as if the autoists of Du buque county would be jays for a other year.

Byrd: "Ma, was Robinson Crus an acrobat?"

Mother: "I don't know. Why?

Byrd: "Well, here it says th after he finished his day's work sat down on his chest."

"Why do you call your Chevrol a 'flapper'?"

"Straight line body, smart pu job, quick pickup, all kinds of spe keeps me broke, warms up quick and always ready to go."

—Exchange.

Boob: "Wet or dry?"

George: "Cut my hair. Nev mind my politics."

'What did the Goldust twins s to each other?"

"Lux against us."